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# AFFIRMATION

THE AGE has dawned when human fellowship will become a reality.

THE CENTURY has come when all religions shall be unified.

THE DISPENSATION is at hand when all nations shall enjoy the blessings of International Peace.

THE CYCLE has arrived when racial prejudice will be abandoned by the tribes and peoples of the world.

THE EPOCH has begun wherein all nativities will be conjoined in one great family.

FOR ALL MANKIND shall dwell in peace and security beneath the shelter of the great tabernacle of the One Living God.

—Abdul Baha



# THE GOLDEN PROMISE

Nearly two thousand years have passed since an angelic chorus heralded the coming of the Christ with the joyful song:

## PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MEN

This promise still awaits fulfillment. At the moment it seems far removed. Men are not universally manifesting good will toward one another, but in conflict at many points and on all levels. We are at war, and a war that threatens momentarily to encircle the globe.

But the promise still stands and the Christ who came to underwrite it gave the assurance when withdrawing behind the veils of this outer scene that while He would for a time remain unseen, He would never be absent from the world he came to save. "Lo, I am with you," said He, "even to the end of the age."

To hundreds of millions of Christian believers there is great solace in that promise. And to other hundreds of millions belonging to other faiths, there is a like solace in the belief that man is never left alone, but that he is ever watched over by the All-seeing Eye that neither slumbers nor sleeps and that the overshadowing Divine Presence is their eternal guarantee against final destruction and death.

When an hour as outwardly dark and as inwardly troubled as the present overtakes us, we instinctively take refuge in such belief as we have or can muster in a power greater than our own to save us. Consciously and unconsciously the soul of mankind cries out for help. A great invocative appeal goes out to the God of our salvation by whatever name He may be addressed or by whatever concept His being may be grasped. Superhuman powers, universal intelligence, heavenly beneficence, all-embracing compassion—these and related attributes associated with Divinity are looked to by multitudes as abiding in the spaces and available for our redemption if we can but rightly relate ourselves to them. Vaguely the multitudes are being pressed by the tragic circumstances of our times to strive as they never have before to find the way by which to enter into a closer and more confident relationship with this universal living Reality. More and more it is being realized that the security which all humanity is now so desperately seeking is to be found only within the sanctuary of this cosmic whole. It is not within the power of man's bestowal, nor is it of earth alone.

Man is a spiritual being and his peace, his well being and his security are not to be found short of his integration into the spiritual structure of the universe. Factually man can not exist outside of it except in consciousness. But by his consciousness he can separate himself from it. Man has done so. It constitutes one aspect of his Fall.

With such separation man admitted into his being forces that have generated confusion and conflict, produced blindness and error and sowed seeds of decay and death. These have been allowed to develop along side of their divine opposites until this day of judgment even as the husbandman of the Gospel parable permits the tares to stand beside the wheat until the harvest time when the two are separated.

Today the nations come to judgment. Today is harvest time for mankind. It now reaps as it has sown. It is the time when accounts are balanced as one cycle of time gives away to another in the ever succeeding terms of human unfoldment.

The desperation in which humanity finds itself at this time comes in large part from its spiritual illiteracy. It is not aware of the true nature and meaning of the crises through which it is living. It is suffering without clearly recognizing either its cause or its purpose.

The causes are of our own making; the purpose is remedial and comes within the operation of divine law. The former springs of unillumined self-will; the latter out of divine design by which all ills and every evil are ultimately overruled and brought to everlasting good.

Humanity is passing through a trial by fire. It is an ordeal searing the very souls of men. Difficult detachments must be effected, new allegiances established, wider unities created and a new set of values adopted before humanity can pass through the Aquarian Gate which is guarded over by the Son of Man and that leads into the New Age wherein is to be found the friendships, the co-operation, the Christed compassion that will serve to establish as an actuality the golden promise of peace on earth, good will to men.

### The Silver Lining

This is a time to remember Christ's comforting words when referring to that coming tribulation which the world is now experiencing: When these things come to pass," said He, "lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh."

This is the silver lining in today's storm clouds. Humanity is being conditioned for a better state. It is being chastened and disciplined for more spiritual living. Mankind has not yet arrived at a point of development where he can learn its deepest and most profound lessons apart from sorrow and suffering. As a little quatrain of Witter Bynner expresses the truth:

Love is a good thing  
Joy isn't bad  
But sorrow's the best thing  
That ever I had.

A thought which also brings to mind that revealing exposition of the theme which Oscar Wilde, writing out of the depths of his own tragic personal experience, recorded for us in *De Profundis*.

It is divine love that underlies the happenings of the time. Man is a spiritual being and the universe is so constituted that it will not permit him to continue to live indefinitely in his present unspiritual condition. The time has come when he must take another step forward and upward no matter how great the cost in discomfort and pain. Habits, institutions, activities, objectives that served him well in the past but which have had their term must be left behind and replaced by others of corresponding nature more suitable to the stage of development upon which he must now enter.

This is the day spoken of in Revelation when all things are made new. A complete overturning precedes the transformed earth that man is about to inherit. Seen in this light, the light of evolutionary progression and of the regenerative cycle inaugurated by the Christ at His first coming, the present world situation is seen not only in its terrifying and catastrophic aspects but as a necessary prelude to the actualization of that golden promise of peace on earth good will to men.

#### As in Lemuria and Atlantis

Humanity has arrived at a point in its evolutionary progression which has an epochal significance comparable to that which occurred in far-off Lemuria when our animal body took on the germ of mind, or *manas*, and when individualized spirit became indwelling within it. With that event, man took on the nature and constitution in which he has functioned ever since. It was the appearance on the world scene of the kingdom of man.

But animal man and bestial passions remained in ascendancy with the result that the fires of the earth were so fanned into action that the continent of Lemuria met destruction through volcanic action and major earth convulsions.

The next comparable event occurred ages later in ancient Atlantis when human progression necessitated a shift in emphasis from activities centered in the lower psychic powers of man to those of the conscious concrete mind. The reasoning faculty was next developed. But in the course of the transition the developing mind was not detaching itself sufficiently from the lower personal desire nature to enable it to carry the newly developing faculty of mind spirit-ward to a sufficient degree to prevent the waters of the earth to follow the uncontrolled emotional currents of man into devastating swirls of such intensity and volume as to submerge the most of the Atlantean land areas and to sweep the greater part of the population out of incarnation. It is the story of the flood as told in Genesis.

The crisis that threatens to overwhelm humanity with universal disaster today is in many respects similar to the ephocal events above recorded of Lemuria and Atlantis. It is identical in that it marks a major transitional step in the evolution of the human race. It is also identical in that the time finds large numbers unprepared and unwilling to adjust themselves to the cosmic demands of the hour. The Christ, knowing human nature as He did, foresaw the present situation. "As it was in the days of Noah," said He, "so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man". They ate, they drank, they married and were given in marriage, until the flood came and destroyed them all—all but a small righteous element. Against that time with its threatened resubmergence of humanity in some universal manner comparable to the cataclysmic upheavals in Lemuria and Atlantis, the Christ came to save us. And so while we have today in our possession the control of the atomic energies with which we could "evaporate" into thin air the mentally-focused but spiritually uncentered humanity of our time in a mere historic moment, we do have present today a counteracting protective force that was not so present in either Lemuria or Atlantis, and that is the Cosmic Christ as the indwelling planetary regent of this earth. This planetary role was taken over by the Christ only after His incarnation in the Master Jesus two thousand years ago. Prior to that time He had worked with the earth and its humanity from without. He had worked with it as He works with other planets and their several humanities from the Sun, the center of our solar system, and of which He is the Light that shines behind the physical light that illumines our material world.

Since His coming to the earth, the Christ has identified Himself with our planet and all its progeny. He has entered into the life stream that makes up the human race. Inwardly He has been charging it with His redemptive potencies and bringing forth ever more of those qualities that relate to the Love-Wisdom aspect of God of which He is the supreme manifestation.

Love is the great cohesive power in nature. It is spiritually what the law of gravitation is in the physical world. It is the force that keeps the planets in their proper orbits and men in their rightful places. It is the power that makes for right and harmonious relations. It is the divine directive that establishes all altruistic enterprises, that inspire men to work together toward mutual gains. It is the spiritual condition that brings forth co-operation, brotherliness and union. On a planetary scale the United Nations is an international instrument forged out of these impulses which were released by the Christ and which He continues to pour into the life of mankind by His continuous though unseen ministry.

#### **The Promise of Redemption**

We have cited the golden promise of the angels when the Christ

came to earth and took upon Himself the likeness of man and dwelt among us. Linked to that promise is another equally golden in hope and comfort to the harried human heart of this day, and that is the declaration that when conditions would become universally catastrophic the world over and when humanity would again go unheedingly on its wayward course even as in the days of Noah, then—and let this most precious of all promises ever enfold the heart of every fearful, bewildered, believing soul today,—then says the Christ, “look up”—not down—“for your redemption”—not your annihilation—“draweth nigh”.

Those words may be trusted. The Christ power underlies them. The Christ knew the seriousness of the crisis we now face; it was well in the making when He first appeared on earth. It was because of its impending seriousness that He came. “For God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish, but have everlasting Life”. That is, all those who would respond to the divine love impulse which the Christ released in the collective life of man, whether they belonged to this religion or that, or none at all, would automatically find themselves sheltered in that spiritual ark of protection that would carry them safely through the present disasters. Reference here is not primarily to physical immunity but to the preservation of the soul against the mighty sunction of evil forces now loosed upon the world that would draw it to its ultimate destruction. The fate of the soul is of aeonic significance, but the passage and the rebuilding of the physical form is a mere incident in the long course of man’s spiritual evolution.

### Christ's Present Nearness

The Christ came not only two thousand years ago to assist man against this day of trial to the end that He might negotiate its perilous passage successfully, but He gave us that other golden promise that He would remain with us alway. More than that, He promised to reappear in that climactic hour when, as He described it, there would be “distress of nations”, “roaring of the sea and the billows”, “men fainting for fear for the expectation of the things coming upon the world”, and when the “powers of the heavens” (*ouranous*, uranium) would be shaken. Then said He, we were to see the “Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory”.

In his writings, the late eminent Christian esotericist, Rudolph Steiner, states that in the course of the twentieth century a special kind of relationship would be established between humanity and the Christ and that by the middle of the century, a point we have now reached, there would be individuals in the different parts of the world that would have had the experience of contacting His luminous Presence on the etheric plane. The implication of the statement is that in the second

half of this century His manifestation would in some manner become a living experience, not only to isolated individuals, but to sufficient numbers who would rally to His side to enable Him to carry His redemptive work forward to its successful conclusion by securely anchoring here on earth the Kingdom of God according to the pattern as it exists in the heavens. For the Christ, according to the Luke version, when referring to the tumult, terrors, wars and desolation that come with the end of the age or the closing of the cycle, that time in which we now live, declared that when "ye see these things coming to pass, know ye that the Kingdom of God is nigh".

It is a planetary Initiation that we are witnessing today. This is the glory side of the tragic world picture. Humanity is going forward into a new and a changed world. Its consciousness is undergoing expansion.

The soul which is the vehicle of Unification, is emerging in the life of man. It stands above the outer personality that divides. It is only when human life will be generally conditioned by the impulses that flow from the soul that the Kingdom of God can come and when there can and will be peace on earth, good will toward men.

The emergence of this higher principle in man is to be the compensatory fruitage of this time of dire distress upon earth. It is this which is literally bringing forth a new kingdom on earth, the Kingdom of Souls, even as a corresponding Initiation in ancient Lemuria brought forth a new kingdom, the Kingdom of Minds, or Man.

Since such steps are not taken by one kingdom without having corresponding effects in the related kingdoms evolving alongside of man, we have an event today presaging the emergence of the soul light in man in the release of atomic energy in the kingdom of the minerals. Here we have beheld the liberation of the age-long imprisoned energies of the inert world of matter with a burst of glory light, although we have as yet had eyes only for the dark cloud that followed the light-burst and experienced only the terror that has accompanied the death-dealing uses to which it has been placed.

But as the release of this energy re-dated time, as this mineral Initiation opened a new age of multiplied powers and potentialities, so will the corresponding human Initiation that will release the hitherto latent powers of the soul into dynamic action alter the life of man to such a degree that the past will know it no longer. It will mean a conscious communion with the Christ in an intimate sense such as the disciples of old knew at His first coming; it will mean the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth; and it will mean the realization of that joyful, golden promise:

PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MEN!



## On Our Home Front

### THE CERTAINTY WITHIN THE UNCERTAINTIES

What is going to happen to our country? This is the question asked by all peoples everywhere. As for our own country, it need not be anything so terrifying as many fear and some predict. But something of very great significance must transpire before we emerge from the crisis in which we now find ourselves.

That impending experience will be of a spiritual nature. It will be an awakening to the fact that our national life can not be rightly and wisely ordered without reference to the spiritual laws that govern above and beneath all man-made laws.

Up to this point, we as a nation have made great material gains. The significance of those gains in relation to our spiritual life has been given scant consideration. Our activities and energies have been chiefly focused in outer achievements rather than inner realizations.

But man today is coming into new spiritual powers and is thereby relating himself in a closer manner with the spiritual world. This new relationship must necessarily modify his thinking and his conditioning of the outer world about him.

No longer can he manage the economic and the political states as though they were divorced from things spiritual. If we are to survive and fulfill our destiny, the whole of our material life must be geared to the needs and demands of man as a spiritual being.

At present our dependence is on men, money and machinery; on scientific research, technological developments and social engineering to provide us with all that life demands—freedom, security, peace, power and plenty. The most important factor, the spiritual, is left out of the equation.

It was not so with our Founding Fathers. They were mindful of the higher significance of the enterprises they had undertaken. Without such recognition there would have been no United States of America. Without it there will be no successful United Nations of the World.

For such an awakening to come to pass, we may expect experiences that will try our souls, that will convince us of our human inadequacies to meet the deepest issues with which life confronts us, that will strip us of the false sense of security we now feel in what the mind of man can devise and the wealth of his genius can find means to create.

We are a nation with a great spiritual heritage, a high and glorious calling. To us it is given to bring forth a "New Order of the Ages." It can not be done without reverting to the simple faith of our early settlers and the recognition which our Founding Fathers gave to divine guidance when establishing the Thirteen Colonies as an independent union of

states. As our Great Seal proclaims, *Annuit Coeptis*—He Prospered Our Undertaking. He will still do so if we will invite Him to really sit in on our deliberations. To be sure Congress opens its sessions with prayer; so do political conventions and other public non-religious gatherings. But such observances have come to be regarded as little more than a polite formality and as having little or no vital bearing on the business that follows.

Until this prevailing attitude of general indifference to spiritual concerns is replaced by a deep and living conviction that we can no longer steer our national course safely without a close and constant reference to the inner as well as the outer side of life, we shall be humbled by defeats and reverses until we be literally brought to our knees beseeching Him for aid from whom alone can come the power to save.

Amerca is worth saving and under the Law that is linked with Love, the means will not be withheld, however painful they may be, that will bring this nation back to the faith that it once had in providential guidance and divine protection. Our greatest need in this hour is integrity, vision, faith, humility and a responsiveness to the Plan for our nation as this is known and broadcast from the Invisible Government of the World. Under such leadership and such only is our future secure.

## *Sun In Sagittarius*

*They shoot trial arrows in the air,  
Then find them blooming everywhere;  
And they can reap a harvest fair  
If they remain content with reaping,  
And are not always rashly leaping  
Beyond the bounds of reason's keeping  
Lovers of freedom, they demand  
Freedom for all in every land;  
Freedom of thought and word and deed,  
By legislation guaranteed;  
Justly administered, clearly defined;  
Humane, benevolent and kind.*

—Malcolm Schloss.

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# THE ETERNAL MADONNA

By CORINNE HELINE

For the sensitive the Christmas Season is marked by a profound sense of calm and breathless hush as though the whole world was wrapped in the White Light of a great benediction. And this is what really occurs at this the year's most blessed season. The desire currents of the earth are largely stilled and the spiritual forces become paramount. Heaven, as it were, bends low and earth is lifted up; a shiny pathway of light connects the two over which angels and archangels in gleaming array pass in luminous splendor, chanting in joyous tones "Peace on earth among men of good-will".

As these celestial forces sweep toward the earth, they assume long swirling lines of symmetrical beauty which take on the likeness of the Woman and the Child. Throughout the etheric realms in the Memory of Nature is stamped this earth's most holy signature, the Golden Star and the Mother and the Child.

Raphael, the supreme master painter and the emissary to earth of a great Mystic Brotherhood, gave to the world the semblance of this cosmic truth in his greatest creation, *The Sistine Madonna*, which many critics have considered the world's greatest painting. Raphael created his work from the Akashic Records in recognition of the facts herein stated, and his famous work has been so used for meditative purposes in certain schools of Esoteric Christianity.

The vast celestial forces that play between heaven and earth in this blessed season sound forth an intonation of inexpressible beauty. Some faint echoing of this celestial harmony was captured by Franz Schubert and transcribed for human hearing in the exquisite strains of his *Ave Maria*. This composition may be regarded in a way as the musical keynote of the Christmas Season. Its music carry a tremendous spiritual power, particularly during this time of the year when it re-echoes, as it were, the celestial rhythms brought down from cosmic spaces.

These inner spiritual truths have been known by the wise down through the ages and so taught in the Mystery Temples of the world. In the most exalted initiatory Degrees of both Lemuria and Atlantis, the Illumined Ones were lifted up in consciousness to glimpse the radiance of the Golden Star and to receive the blessing of the Woman and the Child as he learned of the Golden Path of the future when the Divine Child and His Mother would take human embodiment and so prepare the earth for its crowning Event, the coming of the Golden Christ Star, the Spirit of the glorious Christmastide.



# New Age Bible Interpretation

By CORINNE HELINE

## Christ the Cosmic Pattern

*The words of the wise are as goals and nails fastened by the Masters of Assemblies which are given from one Shepherd.*—Ecclesiastes 12:7-11.

The primal theme of New Age Bible Interpretation is the Lord Christ and the purpose of the work is to demonstrate that all world religions and all other world saviours came as messengers to prepare the way for the earth's supreme event—the coming of the blessed Christ Jesus.

Intimate and beautiful are the parallels to be found in the teachings of King Solomon, the highest Initiate of the Old Testament Dispensation with those of the supreme World Teacher, the Christ, the highest Initiate of the New Testament Dispensation. For example:

Proverbs 11:2—When pride cometh, then cometh shame, but with the lowly is wisdom.

Matthew 5:5—Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.

Proverbs 12:20—Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil; but to the counsellors of peace is joy.

Proverbs 11:17—The merciful man doeth good to his own soul, but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.

Matthew 5:7—Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.

Proverbs 22:11—He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips, the king shall be his friend.

Matthew 5:8—Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

The similarity in the teachings of all the Illumined Ones who have walked the earth is understood when we realize that the perfect Cosmic Pattern of Christ has been set in the heavens for all time and that each Master-Teacher has drawn from that Pattern in accordance with his ability and needs, each one forming a golden round in the vast evolutionary ladder which leads from man to God.

The lives of all world messengers follow the same degrees of illumination in an ever-increasing series, all to be merged at last in Christ, the Light of the World.

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## From Kahlil Gibran's JESUS THE SON OF MAN

John the Beloved disciple said: "The Spirit was the psalm and Jesus was the tune thereof. And Jesus, the Man of Nazareth, was the host and mouthpiece of the Christ."

John the Baptist said: "I am only the thunder of His lightning. Though I speak first, His was the word and purpose."

Peter said: "Once in Capernaum my Lord and Master spoke thus, 'Your neighbor is your other self dwelling behind the wall. In understanding, all walls shall fall down. Who knows but that your neighbor is your better self wearing another body.'"

# CEREMONIALISM AND ITS PLACE IN INDIAN LIFE

## THE ESOTERIC SIGNIFICANCE OF INDIAN MUSIC

By CORINNE HELINE

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In dealing with ceremonialism and its important role in Indian life, we naturally turn to the Pawnees, perhaps the supreme mystics of Indian lore. Their religion consists chiefly of prophecy and vision which are elaborated by means of the most impressive and oftentimes intricate ceremonials.

The religious observances of the Pawnees center largely in their commemoration of the four sacred seasons, namely, the Spring and Autumn Equinoxes, the Winter and Summer Solstices. The general pattern of Arapahoe life seems to be attuned to the number four. It is the tribal belief that by means of these four seasonal observances, communication is opened for the guidance of supernatural powers that in turn bestow health, wealth and long life upon their people.

There were four tribes among the Pawnees. Each tribe has its own chief and four principal officers, termed Nahikuts, working directly under the supervision of the Chief. The social organization is also divided into four classes. Next to the Chief in prominence are the priests who preside over the Ceremonies. Third in rank are the Medicine Men and warriors. Fourth, the masses of persons composing the tribes.

There are many secret or occult societies among the tribes, each existing for the purpose of teaching various manifestations of supernatural power. The secret societies of each tribe unite for the four grand seasonal Ceremonials.

"Morning Star" is the principal masculine Deity and "Evening Star" the feminine goddess. These two preside over the four points of the heavens and the four sacred seasons. Humanity is the offspring of these two Deities. There are also four lodges of lesser gods who are the guardians of the Medicine Men, warriors, leaders of various degrees and of the people.

The ceremonial year of the Pawnee begins with the spring observance when the sacred seed-corn is distributed with most elaborate rites. Every lodge or teepee has its own altar containing sacred relics, among the most important being the corn seed received in the spring observance. Every home altar has its sacred bundle of corn which contains two ears, one dedicated to the masculine deity, "Morning Star", and the other to the feminine deity, "Evening Star".

The spring festival, designated as the Morning Star ceremony, is perhaps the most elaborate and shows the Pawnees to be true devotees of ceremonialism.

Morning Star rules the eastern heavens. Accompanied by the sun and all the stars of the eastern heavens, he goes to woo Evening Star in the west, who sends her companion, the moon, and her attendant stars of the western skies to meet them. It is the symbolism of this celestial processional which constitutes the Spring Ceremonial Rite.

The journey of Morning Star is fraught with ten grave perils. Five of the perils are difficulties of travel, and five the attacks of wild animals. Morning Star conquers each of these obstacles by means of music. The final test is the barring of his way by a large snake which he tames by his song.

This Ceremonial conceals the Path of Initiation into the Mysteries. We have many times stated that the use of music as an aid in developing latent spiritual powers is a field as yet unexplored in the realms of music's numerous uses. It is significant attestation to the vast wealth of Indian mysticism to note that their use of music for this purpose antedates so-called civilized history.

The Morning Star Ceremonial lasts four days and nights (the interval of the Equinox), and sometimes an invisible chorus can be heard joining in the songs.

The Harvest Ceremony (Autumnal Equinox) is celebrated with vigils, rites, and sacrifices. The ceremonies are divided into two parts, one public for the masses, the other secret for the advanced few. It is in this way that the mysteries have always been commemorated. The sacred bundles previously referred to form an important part of the seasonal rites. An observance of the Harvest Ritual is termed "Making Mother Corn". In this ritual two new ears of corn are placed within each family's sacred bundle as a sesame or good luck token for the following year.

Both the music and dances which accompanied the harvest observance are beautifully symbolic, sometimes being prophetic of safety or danger for the tribe in the coming year. Many of these autumn songs and dances are for the purpose of alleviating all fear of death. During these performances discarnate friends and relatives frequently appear before the worshippers. The discarnate take up the song in words like the following: "I have returned—now you see me," or "Remember, when we pass from the old earth, we pass to a new earth where we are now." Another is "Yonder from whence I come, our relatives are walking." Hence, it is not difficult to understand how close and intimate for the Indian is communion between the living and the dead.

Ceremonialism represents the highest expression of the Indian's spiritual emotion.

The famous Sun Dance of the Pawnees is their sacred commemoration of the Winter and Summer Solstices. The elaborate Sun Dance is



an expression of obedience to the spiritual impulses released at these times. In certain parts of this dance the participants form a circle moving from east to west in harmony with the movement of the sun. In another portion of the ritual the women do a series of six dances and the men a series of six, thus commemorating the work of the six masculine and the six feminine signs of the zodiac.

It is natural that the Indian, by reason of his great love for and intimate, continuous contact with nature, finds it easy to attune his highest and most revered religious celebrations to nature's cosmic rhythms. His oneness with the beauty and harmony of nature is expressed with rare delicacy of feeling in the song: "As my eyes search the vastness of the prairie, I can feel the summer in the spring."

Only certain Initiates are eligible to go into the forest to search for the Sun Dance pole. Their every move, from dedication to the Quest until they return with the sacred tree, is deeply and beautifully symbolic. The place of the ceremonial is circular in form, representative of the heavens, and in this enclosure the consecrated pole is set up. That part of the ceremonial which is public begins with an imposing processional led by the priests, who chant a beautiful poetical ritual pregnant with a meaningful interpretation of the ceremonial. The priests are followed by dancers in appropriate costume. Their motions are graceful, stately, and dignified, and in complete harmony with the solemnity and impressiveness of the occasion. The dancers always gaze unflinchingly into the heart of the sun, and by their poses symbolize a divine at-one-ment with that bright Presence. The secret Rites of the Solstices portray the process of bringing about the splendors of a new life.

These seasonal observances constitute the most important phase of tribal life, and the conclusion of one is the signal for beginning preparation for the next.

Even this brief survey shows what a glorious occult background lies behind Indian civilization. Their religion, their art, their way of life are but outer reflections of this rich heritage of spiritual truths.

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## A READER'S COMMENT ON INDIAN MYSTICISM

Utica, N. Y.

Last night I came home tired to the point of exhaustion, yet not too tired to read the *Interpreter* which always gives me a lift. On page seven under "Creative Potency of Music" the following about the American Indian: "He relates the myth of creation, ceremonially, in order to save the world from death and destruction."

Perhaps the American Indian knows more in that connection than we realize. Recently I read a quotation by Rudolf Steiner. He says: "Were it not for the fact that many people recite daily and that in the churches are read from the first of John, In the beginning was the word, etc., the earth could not continue its existence."

# New Age Screen Interpretation

## COME TO THE STABLE

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*—Hebrews 11:1.

In this modern day, when it is the custom to exalt mind above heart, it is delightfully refreshing to see a picture like *Come to the Stable*. Its delicate, almost intangible plot is built around the simple faith of two young nuns, Sister Margaret and Sister Scholastica. These young women are members of the Order of Good Endeavor and the motto of this Order is *Work and Pray*. It is on these basic principles that the young nuns surmount appalling obstacles to bring into beautiful realization what appears to be an impossible dream.

The story begins in Normandy, France, at the time of the invasion, 1944. Sister Margaret and Sister Scholastica live in the Mother House of their Order, wherein is located a children's hospital. They both pledge that if more than six hundred children who can not be evacuated are kept safe from harm they will go to America and found, in gratitude, a children's hospital.

Opening scenes depict the arrival of the two nuns in New York, equipped only with their love and faith. The Good Book bears the promise that faith even as a grain of mustard seed, can remove mountains—a promise that finds literal fulfillment in this delightful story.

The Sisters have seen a post card picture of a snow-covered hill painted by Amelia Potts, a well known American artist. This hill is in the environs of a New England village named Bethlehem, a fact which causes them to choose it for the accomplishment of their purpose.

Full of confidence, they walk several miles from the railroad station in a heavy snow storm to find themselves, as if by a miracle, guided to a picturesque old stable which Amelia Potts has converted into her residence studio. Touched by their appealing story she offers them hospitality and shelter for as long as they may need it.

The dawn of the next day sees the two Sisters on their coveted Hill-top which they dedicate to St. Jude, the patron of the impossible. As they name the hospital they are visualizing for him, they lovingly conceal a St. Jude medal deep in the cherished ground.

The naive enthusiasm of the two nuns wins the interest and co-operation of Bob Mason, a successful song writer whose beautiful estate anchors their precious hill, and he volunteers the use of one of his cars.

The Sisters entertain no doubt that the owner of the hill will donate it to them and their cause. The information that he is New York's most notorious racketeer does not deter them from setting out in their borrowed jeep for the Big City and Mr. Luigi Rossi.

From this point the story unfolds most delightfully with their adventures in New York and with Mr. Rossi. They receive his rebuff so sweetly, giving him only their blessings in return, that he is filled with compunction and questions them further. When he learns that they have come from Normandy where his only son lies in an unidentified grave, he tells them they may have the hill for their hospital on condition that the chapel contain a stained glass window in memory of his son. Thus one after another all obstacles are gradually overcome.

When they admit to their Bishop that they have written to eleven of their sister nuns in Normandy to join them in their work, he forbids their coming—but too late. The eleven arrive and take temporary shelter in the stable-studio of Amelia Potts. Now, however, the necessity for larger quarters is imperative. The following day a flat tire causes Sister Margaret to seek aid in the house on the opposite side of the hill, and this house bears a *For Sale* sign. How she acquires it even though the price is thirty thousand dollars, and in opposition to the firm mandate of the “practical” Bishop; how she eventually wins the support and assistance of Bob Mason who has been bitterly opposed to having a children’s hospital “in his back yard,” demonstrates the verity and power of the faith motif that underlies this entire story.

The manifestation principles of *visualization* and implicit confidence of this story are familiar to the great majority of occult and metaphysical students. Also, that dear Invisibles on inner planes are ever ready to bestow love and protective guidance upon our human projects when they are worthy and selfless. If our efforts center in the greatest good for the greatest number, we may be sure of the nearness and blessings of those Invisibles through whose help seeming miracles are performed. The healing roses of the Little Flower, the protection from accidents by St. Christopher, the overcoming of the humanly insurmountable by St. Jude are not mere superstitious fantasies but infallible evidences that there is no death and that those on the other side are interested in our welfare and continuous in their efforts to help us.

The children’s hospital, built on the unwavering faith and tireless energy of the two brave nun-crusaders, rises on the hill overlooking New England’s *Bethlehem* and is dedicated amid the pealing of bells and the chanting of choristers. Taking prominent part in the joyous festivities are the three erstwhile opponents: Mr. Rossi, Bob Mason and the Bishop. for no obstructive force can long operate against the irresistible power of God or the All-Good.

The young Sisters, Margaret and Scholastica, kneel starry-eyed before the newly dedicated chapel altar and beneath a stained glass window of glorious colors which bears the impress of Hoffman’s Child-Christ together with the words *In Memory of Luigi Rossi, Jr.*



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**THE BENEFICENT LAW OF LIFE.** By Vida Reed Stone, Willing Publ. Co., San Gabriel, Calif. 17 pp. .25.

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**FAITHFULLY YOURS.** By Dr. Charil Prendali. Willing Pub. Co., P. O. Box 5, San Gabriel, Calif.

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**THE MASTER PASSES BY.** By Helen Drusilla Bell. Pub. by Lawrence G. Newhouse, Vista, Calif. Paper. 55 pp. Price \$1.00.

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**STEPPING STONES TO FREEDOM.** Harry Halsey Starrett. Willing Pub. Co., P. O. Box 51, San Gabriel, Calif. Cloth. 109 pp. Price \$2.50.

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—E. H.

THE HOUSE OF FULFILLMENT. By L. Adams Beck. Willing Pub. Co., San Gabriel, Calif. Cloth. 342 pp. \$3.00.

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EVENSONG. By William Atzbaugh. Willing Publishing Co., P. O. Box 51, San Gabriel, California. Cloth. 95 pp. \$2.50. (Deluxe, \$3.50).

Esoteric philosophy in prose poetry, based on the opening lines of Genesis and the prologue of the Gospel of St. John. Its objective is to help the reader to find God who dwells within.

WHETHER YOU BELIEVE OR NOT. By Edward A. Janning, M. A. Christopher Publishing House, 1140 Columbus Avenue, Boston 20. Cloth. 127 pp. \$2.00.

The author states that this book was accomplished through "inspirational" writing, and was given direct from the Special Council. That this is the Word for the raising of humanity to its higher level of progression.

TREATISE ON VALUES. By Samuel L. Hart. Philosophical Library, Inc., 15 E. 40th St., New York, N. Y. Cloth. 164 pp. \$3.75.

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## MAGAZINES

The Christian Theosophist. Editor, Mrs. Muirson Blake, Mon Abri, Chorley Wood, Herts, England. Annual subscription, two shillings; single copies, six pence.

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LIGHT. Eidtor, J. Earl Schrack. 148 Juniper St., San Diego 1, Calif. Mimeo. 16 pp. Freewill offering.

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